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West Bank protests continue

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Feb. 16 (AFP). — Israeli police arrested more Arab high school students today as daily demonstrations continued against a court decision two weeks ago that Jews cannot be prevented from praying on the esplanade outside Jerusalem's Al Aqsa Mosque.

Today's demonstrations were at Nabulus, Ramallah and Bir Zeit, in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

Tunisia gets Kuwaiti loans

TT, Feb. 16 (R). — Tunisia is to receive 10 million dinars (8.5 million sterling) in loans to finance two construction projects, it was reported here today.

The loans, both at four per cent annual interest, are to be repaid over 15 years after a five-year grace period, and are to be provided by the Fund for Arab Economic Development, Kuwait's external aid agency.

fighting erupts over West Sahara region

MOROCCO, Feb. 16 — King Hassan of Morocco today accused Algeria of attacking a Moroccan outpost at the Sahara oasis of Tindouf, the scene of a sharp clash between the two countries.

The latest issue of the front newspaper Sahara-Libre noted that the main party involved in Western Sahara is the Saharan people. The "sole legitimate representative" of this people is the front, which is recognised as such by both the United Nations and more recently the Liberation Committee of the Organisation of African Unity, the paper said.

In Kuwait today, Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad called on Arab League Secretary-General Mahmoud Riad to initiate further mediation efforts between Rabat and Algiers. He told a press conference that Kuwait had numerous contacts with "different Arab countries" and the Secretary-General, himself about the dispute.

From here it was reported that the recent mediation attempt by Egyptian Vice-President Hosni Mubarak had now apparently been cancelled out in the light of the fresh Algerian-Moroccan confrontation observers said.

The Polisario Front for the Polisario Front, which had killed a Moroccan battalion in the village of Hausa, near the Moroccan border at Angala. Absent sources here said the press is held by a Moroccan unit with artillery and surrounding sides by other Moroccan units.

The Polisario Front for a greater recognition in relation attempts, especially by the Royal Moroccan army.

Argentina greets move by military sector

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 16, (AFP). — A bomb exploded here today at the headquarters of the military sector, which the country's riotous, had joined a movement of 1,000 other today in a 24-hour protest.

The failure of the military sector to deal with economic problems, which include a spiral that has devaluations of the peso within the past year, caused major damage but no injury.

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His Majesty King Hussein and Syrian Prime Minister Mahmoud Ayyoubi are pictured during talks here Monday. (JNA photo).

Ayyoubi leads high-level Syrian team here for cooperation talks

Syrian Prime Minister Mahmoud Ayyoubi and a top-ranking delegation arrived here Monday morning for a three-day visit topped by meetings of the Joint Syrian-Jordanian Higher Committee.

The meetings got underway Monday evening under the co-chairmanship of Mr Ayyoubi and Jordanian Prime Minister Zeid Rifai. The Higher Committee is reviewing steps achieved in the planned integration between Syria and Jordan.

Prime Minister Ayyoubi was received Monday by H. M. King Hussein and remained at the royal palace to lunch with the King.

MPLA takes key town in northern Angola

LUANDA, Feb. 16, (AFP). — People's Liberation Movement (MPLA) troops today captured Sao Salvador, the last important town in the north of Angola formerly held by troops of the rival National Liberation Front (FNLA), military sources said here.

The town is about 80 kms from the Angolan border in the north with Zaire. With Uige which was captured on January 4, it was one of the two main strongholds of Holden Roberto's Zaire-based FNLA.

Its capture now gives the MPLA control of all the north of Angola, observers here said. Meanwhile anti-tank weapons and other military supplies have been flown into secret bush airstrips in Eastern Angola to enable UNITA forces to step up their guerrilla campaign against the Soviet-backed MPLA, UNITA source said in Lusaka today.

The latest consignment of anti-tank weapons received by the pro-Western UNITA are said to be capable of knocking out the Russian T 54 and T 34 tanks used by the MPLA.

The sources said UNITA has secret bush airstrips in Eastern Angola and aircraft from Zaire were landing there.

UNITA leader, Jonas Savimbi, in a statement said: "we are to continue our struggle because we think that we cannot accept a minority regime imposed on our people by Cuban troops and Russian tanks."

In Kinshasa, Zairese authorities today barred 20 British and two French mercenaries from entering the country and ordered them back to Brussels, the Zairese News Agency AZAP reported today.

Lebanon braces for hard political reform bargaining

BEIRUT, Feb. 16 (Agencies). — A hard political battle was looming in Lebanon today amid growing disenchantment with an extensive reform programme announced by president Suleiman Franjeh on Saturday.

Criticism came from all the former belligerents — Moslems and Christians, leftists and rightists, as well as moderates like rightist National Bloc leader Raymond Edde who remained on the sidelines during the fighting.

One big problem, observers said, was that many of the reforms in Mr. Franjeh's "global agreement," following last month's Syrian-inspired ceasefire, were vague enough to be matters of interpretation, and thus opened the way to controversy.

It seemed generally agreed that the "New Lebanon" portrayed by Mr. Franjeh was perhaps little more than an expedient to defuse a crisis while a successor was sought to the president whose mandate expires next September.

One editorialist compared the agreement, approved by the cabinet of Prime Minister Rashid Karami but apparently unknown in several aspects to certain parties concerned, to an aspirin administered to a sick Lebanon in the hope of rendering it impervious to pain for the moment.

The broad outlines of Mr. Franjeh's programme involve a new, equitable division of parliamentary seats between Moslems and Christians, according to the size of the communities, and an end to the allocation of public appointments — except in the higher echelons — according to religious quotas.

A constitutional court and a planning and development council are to be set up, and social applies to the foreigner involvements.

In Tokyo, a rightwing nationalist group demanded that the key witness in the Lockheed payoff scandal in Japan, ultra-rightist Yoshio Kodama, commit ritual suicide for his "disgraceful" action in taking money from the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation.

Mr Kodama had been summoned to appear before the budget committee of the Lower House of Representatives tomorrow to answer testimony in the U.S. Senate that he had received more than seven million dollars from Lockheed to promote sales of its aircraft in Japan.

He had refused to appear for medical reasons, but tonight the committee sent its own doctors to examine him and decide whether could in fact testify under oath.

A copy in Japanese of a statement by a rightwing nationalist group based in Osaka in western Japan was delivered to Reuters and Japan's Kyodo (Continued on back page)

As criticism mounts

Lebanon braces for hard political reform bargaining

justice sought through financial, economic and social reforms, Mr. Franjeh said.

Some critics added that it was unlikely Lebanese had fought so long for such timid reforms.

Meanwhile, staff began moving back into battered, seafront luxury hotels today in another sign of the return to normal life.

Arab information ministers make calls to counter Israeli actions in Jerusalem

CAIRO, Feb. 16 (Agencies). — Arab Information Ministers today called on world opinion to realise the great dangers that lie behind Israeli attempts to allow Jews to pray at Al Aqsa Mosque and the continued imprisonment of Archbishop Capucci in an Israeli jail.

After two days of meeting here, the ministers also decided to hold an Arab-Belgian conference on Arabs in the occupied territories and their right of self-determination in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The ministers also denounced an international conference on Soviet Jewry, opening in Brussels tomorrow, and said it could adversely affect Belgian-Arab relations.

A statement issued by the ministers said the conference was bound to "distort facts and mislead European and world public opinion."

The conference was also aimed at misleading world Jewry itself into emigrating to Israel and strengthening "racist settlements" there at the expense of the Palestinian Arabs, the statement said.

Arabs differentiated between Judaism as a religion and Zionism as "a racist political movement," the statement said.

The Belgian Ambassador here, M. Pierre Anciaux de Favaux, told reporters after meeting Arab League Secretary-General Mahmoud Riad yesterday that his country had nothing to do with the conference and welcomed any Arab meeting in Brussels.

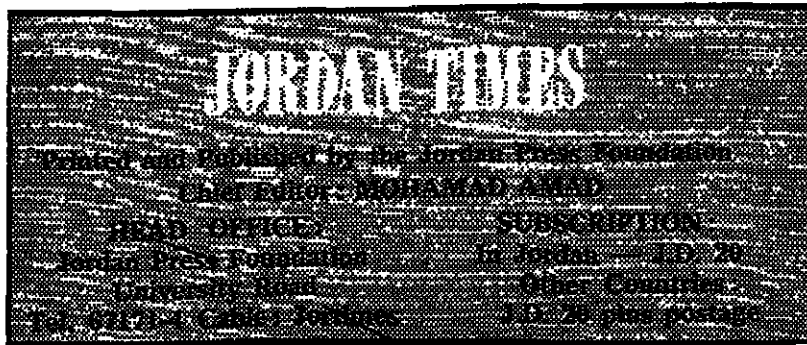
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ANGOLA SCENE. — According to the caption of this picture, released from Angola by the Bulgarian news agency, this scene shows MPLA "children-pioneers" in the streets of Luanda. The MPLA says one of its main responsibilities is the education and care of children. (AP wirephoto).



ARMED GUARD — Armed British troops stand guard on an isolated house on the outskirts of Belfast Monday after unidentified raiders burst into the dwelling and shot three women dead. The shootings took place after the raiders demanded and received money from the women. (AP wirephoto).



Truth of the matter

If the pen is indeed mightier than the sword, it is no secret that Israel has wielded a far more potent pen during the past quarter century than the Arab states. The perpetuation, expansion and apparent entrenchment of Zionism in Palestine has been partly due to the effective use of propaganda and public information techniques throughout the world by the Israelis particularly in Europe and the United States. In this sense, one should rather talk of Israeli mis-information techniques.

The Israelis have been masters of mis-information, and their propaganda machinery — well-oiled and well-financed as it is — has fallen on sympathetic ears in the West. That sympathy, however, is built on a deep foundation of solid ignorance, a void of information upon which the rhetoric and passion of Zionist appeals builds attractive but paper-thin structures.

It is these structures that the Arab states must bring crashing down on the heads of the Israelis and their sympathisers throughout the world.

If the Arab information ministers meeting in Cairo this week will do anything, they must recognise that one fights fire with fire, lies with facts, and mis-information with truth.

There are gargantuan structural barriers in the way of an effective Arab information and public relations effort making headway throughout the world, particularly throughout the Western nations.

In the middle ages, the Prophet Mohammed was portrayed in Western literature as a magician, and the Western world has most often looked to the Arab and Islamic nations for colourful tales of desert lore and romance. It is within this context that we go to the Western world and fight our battle against an Israel that spins tales of democracy, making the desert bloom, holocausts, Russian emigrants and anything else that will detract attention from the core of the conflict in the Middle East. This core is Zionist colonialism in Palestine, the denial of Palestinian nationalism and the continuing expansion of the Israeli state at the expense of both Palestinians and other Arab states.

This is the message that must be brought home to the world, and this is the truth that it is so difficult for the Israelis to admit.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

The two cables sent by His Majesty the King yesterday to the presidents of Syria and Lebanon reflected the deep sense of responsibility that His Majesty has regarding any situation that occurs in any Arab country, Al-Ra'i said Monday.

It said that history will reveal some day that His Majesty the King was not a bystander in the Lebanese crisis due to his nationalistic beliefs that any harm in one Arab country will affect the rest of the Arab World.

One should reckon with the nationalistic role played by the Syrian government in bringing the Lebanese conflict to an end, despite the fact that it was despised by many countries who wished the conflict to be continued so the Zionist movement will impose more of its conditions on the Arab countries, the paper said.

Co-ordination between the three countries Jordan, Syria and Lebanon is a nationalistic duty now to preserve the solidarity of the Arab nation in facing any upcomings in the near future, the paper said.

The paper concluded that the occupied West Bank residents would not have resisted vigorously and bravely if the Lebanese crisis continued. The Arab residents, there have high aspirations and morale after seeing their brothers in Amman, Damascus and Beirut standing strongly behind their just struggle.

It is hoped the High Joint Jordanian-Syrian Committee will consider the current uprising in the occupied territories, especially the situation in Jerusalem, Ad Dustour said Monday.

Also, the Joint Committee will look over all matters that have been achieved and take necessary action to expedite the joint amalgamation between the two countries, the paper said.

It is hoped also that the Joint Committee will call upon the Arab and Moslem countries to shoulder their duties regarding the situation in Arab Jerusalem and the dangers that are threatening the third holiest shrine in Islam as a result of the court ruling by Zionist judges.

The paper concluded it is a duty of the committee to take action to bolster the resistance of our people in the occupied territories.

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Members of the Joint Syrian-Jordanian Higher Committee are pictured during one of their meetings in Amman Monday. At the head of the table are the respective prime ministers of the two countries, Syria's Mahmoud Ayyoubi at left and Jordan's Zeid Rifai at right. (JNA photo).

Jordan, Chile end talks aimed at promoting joint venture schemes

By Lina Gress
Special to the Jordan Times

Joint venture agreements between Jordan and Chile are to enrich the commercial and economic aspects of a phosphate-rich country, on the one hand, and a copper-rich country on the other said the Chilean Minister of Finance, Mr George Qawwas, who has headed a Chilean industrial delegation on a visit to Jordan.

Talks between the Chilean delegation and the Jordanian Minister of Industry and Commerce, Dr Rajai Muasher, centred on special fields of common interest.

Chile is to arrange for technical assistance to Jordan in the field of copper mining, while Jordan is to be a main supplier of phosphates to Chile.

The Chilean Minister of Mines, Mr Enrique Valenzuela, said: "Chile has a very old copper industry and we are willing to give all possible help to Jordan."

Mr Valenzuela added that Chile would also be interested in phosphate mining in Jordan and in the exchange of information concerning future Jordanian projects in exploration for possible oil resources, as well as other mineral resources that may include potash from the Dead Sea.

Mr Qawwas, who also met with the Director of the National Planning Council, told the Jordan Times:

Development efforts are no doubt the main thrust of progress in Jordan, and the impetus to go further will no doubt be successful.

"We do have a very clear idea of that progress. During our visit to the Jordan Valley, we witnessed the big strides in agricultural development."

The visit of the Chilean delegation to Jordan complements some steps already taken by the Chilean Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, who visited Jordan earlier, Mr Qawwas added.

Mr Qawwas further explained that his delegation's visit to

Jordan constitutes the first draft approach to assess and examine the possibility of concluding joint venture agreements among Jordan, Chile and third countries (mainly surplus capital countries) to put together resources and develop them.

On this point, the head of the Chilean Forestry Department, Mr Julio Ponce, elaborated:

"Joint venturing is very well fitted for the large and important market of the Middle East if something emerges, it will be very beneficial for the area's need for infrastructure."

Chile, a country well endowed with forestry resources, Mr Qawwas said, will cooperate with Jordan in providing the raw materials for a wood industry and wood processing as well as technical assistance in that field.

Jordan, however, will use its own man-power and facilities for industrial development, while a third country could finance the project.

Mr Qawwas further said that a parallel Chilean private sector mission headed by Mr Nicolas Abumohor has had conversations with the Jordanian Chamber of Commerce on the possibility of exporting to Jordan canned sea-food, wood, textiles and construction materials.

During their stay in Jordan, the Chilean delegation also visited the Royal Scientific Society and Jordan University.

The delegation left Amman Monday at the end of a three-day visit.

French cultural attachée dies after car accident

The Cultural Attachée at the French Embassy in Amman died Sunday night after a car accident on the road between Kerak and Amman.

Mr. Pierre Lavergne, 44, was returning from Kerak after visiting a historical site with Dr. Fawzi Zayadeen of the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities.

Both were immediately taken to Ashrafieh Hospital, where Mr. Lavergne died.

Dr. Zayadeen was transferred to the Hussein Medical City, where he is on the critical list.

Mr. Lavergne has been in Amman since 1970, before which he served in Damascus and Beirut.

Cultural agreement signed with India

AMMAN. — A Jordanian-Indian cultural cooperation agreement was signed here Sunday.

The document covers mutual cooperation in the fields of culture education, science, technology, arts, public health, and mass and educational media which will enable each country to be better acquainted with the culture and activities of the other in these fields.

The agreement provides for reciprocal visits by educators and technologists, as well as scholarship facilities.

Mr. Ali Zaza, Syrian Interior Minister, Monday received the Jordanian Public Security Officers' delegation currently on a visit to Syria. The delegation had earlier visited Police academies and looked over the work of several public security departments. A similar Syrian delegation visited Jordan earlier this year. These visits are the results of the cooperation and integration policy adopted by the two countries.

Arab economists group meets here to air Mashreq Maghreb cooperation

AMMAN. — Meetings of the Arab Economists Federation started here Monday evening at the Jordanian Economists Association Headquarters the first time the Federation meetings convene in Amman.

Representatives from eight Arab countries, among them Jordan, Iraq, Syria, Morocco, Kuwait, Egypt and Sudan, were present at Monday's meetings.

Dr Hashem Dabbas, President of the Arab Economists Federation, and Undersecretary at the Jordanian Ministry of Industry and Commerce, presided over the meetings. Discussions centred on the Federation's role in consolidating economic development and supporting economic organisations in the Arab World.

Meetings will resume Tuesday morning.

Foreign currency movement eased

AMMAN. — The Central Bank of Jordan has decided to allow licenced Jordanian money-changers to cash bank and travellers cheques from visitors and tourists.

However, the money-changers have to sell the cheques to licenced local commercial banks, or export them and cover their value in equivalent foreign currencies.

Other measures were taken by the Central Bank to facilitate the export of foreign banknotes and cheques denominated in foreign currencies.

Romanians study second refinery

AMMAN, (JNA). — A group of Romanian experts is currently visiting Jordan to study the feasibility of establishing a second oil refinery in Aqaba, sources at the National Planning Council said Monday.

The Romanian experts will present a detailed study of their findings regarding the capacity, economic feasibility and technical needs of such a project.

Iraqi Minister of Economy Dr Fawzi Al Qaisi, Secretary General of the Arab Economists Federation, arrived here Monday to participate in the Federation's annual meeting.

He explained the Federation, which has as objectives to stimulate solutions which Arab economic integration, well as to develop cooperation between countries.

The Federation, he said, submits its recommendations to the Arab League and these are normally considered by Arab states and incorporated in their policies.

The current meeting, Al Qaisi continued, is important because they are economic integration the Mashreq Arab and their Maghreb. This economic integration will be taken up, he said, in the meetings of the Federation to be held in Morocco.

Phosphate work U.K. firm worth total of £4.5

Additional work on engineering, supply vision of the phosphate benefits for the Jordan Phosphate Co Ltd is to be by Britain's Taylor Construction Ltd.

This new agreement is an original contract worth £ 2.75 million.

The new plant is at El Hasa Mine expansion. Of mainly British and almost the earlier contract, work will increase the production of beneficial phosphates by a further 50 per cent.

The work will be carried out by the mechanical and process division of Woodrow Construction.

Dr. Elizabeth R. Han

DENTAL SURGEON

University of St. Andrews — Scotland resumes practice at her clinic near the British Embassy and opposite the Tunisian Embassy in Jebel Amman.

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8.00 News in Arabic
CHANNEL 3:
7.30 Arab varieties
8.30 Book review
9.30 Arabic series

CHANNEL 6:
7.30 News in Hebrew
7.45 Varieties
8.30 Doctor in the house
9.00 Science report
9.10 War and Peace
10.00 News in English
10.15 Switch on both channels

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DEPARTURES:

7.20 Beirut
8.45 Beirut (M.E.A.)
9.30 Rome
10.00 Cairo
10.15 Kuwait (K.A.C.)
11.00 Athens, Madrid, Casablanca
11.00 Geneva, Brussels, Amsterdam
19.00 Bahrain, Bangkok.
21.00 Jeddah

ARRIVALS:

8.30 Bangkok, Bahrain
9.30 Kuwait (K.A.C.)
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17.45 Rome
18.10 Copenhagen, Frankfurt
18.30 Beirut (M.E.A.)

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[ON 856 KHZ]
7.00 Breakfast show.
7.30 News Bulletin
7.45 Morning Melodies
8.00 Sign off
12.00 Pop session (part I)
13.00 News Summary
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14.00 News Bulletin
14.10 Radio magazine
14.30 Melody Time
15.00 Classical Music
15.30 Light Instrumentals
16.00 Old Favourites
16.30 Easy listening
17.00 Studio one
18.00 News Summary
18.05 Listener's choice
18.30 Story Time
18.45 Music
19.00 News Bulletin
19.10 News Reports
19.30 Sign off.

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Lemon (Large) 70—100
Lettuce 50—80
Lettuce (Small) 25—40
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Mediterranean pact
BARCELONA, SPAIN, Feb. 16, (R). — Twelve countries signed a treaty today to nurse the slowly dying Mediterranean back to its old vitality and blue splendour.
The treaty was designed to end years of neglect which have spoiled holiday beaches and poisoned fish on sunny coasts where 200 million people are expected to be living by the year 2000.
Senor Fernando De Ybarra, Spanish chairman of the two-week conference which drafted the treaty, said there had been dire press predictions that the Mediterranean, which washes the shores of 18 countries, would die by the end of this century.
"With the agreement reached here, not only will it not die but it will recover," he told the closing session.
The treaty and two protocols were signed by Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Malta, Monaco, Morocco, Spain and Turkey.

Key has few hopes for progress at Cyprus talks

JL, Feb. 16 (R). — Turkey's Foreign Minister, Mr. Turgut Ersoy, said he had few hopes for progress at resumed Cyprus talks in Vienna this week.
He said the Greek side insists that the island become a two-state, multi-ethnic, multi-religious solution, which doesn't give the Turkish side much hope for talks, does not say.

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U.S. production continues increasing

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AFP). — Industrial production rose again in the United States during January, the Federal Reserve Board announced.

This was the ninth successive rise since April last year.

It was also the third encouraging figure announced so far this month, the other two being the substantial drop in unemployment and the stability of wholesale prices in January.



ARMED INTERVIEW — Dr. George Habash, leader of the Palestinian PFLP resistance group, gestures during an interview he gave newsmen Sunday in a Palestinian camp near Beirut. His holstered revolver is seen in foreground. (AP wirephoto).

New pill warning for middle aged users

TOKYO, Feb. 16 (AFP). — Regular use of oral contraceptive pills by middle-aged women could damage their cerebral blood vessels, a Kyushu physician has warned.

Obese women and those with high blood pressure should be particularly careful in using the pill, according to Dr. Jun Ogata, a physician at Kyushu University's Faculty of Medicine.

His warning on the side-effects of the pill came in his report to a meeting of the Japan Cerebral Apoplexy society in Tokyo.

The report said that a 36-year-old woman who had had seven abortions out of nine pregnancies, became partially paralysed after taking the pill for 11 months. She was treated and after about a week the woman felt better.

In the case of the second patient, a 46-year old woman with a history of four abortions out of five pregnancies was found to have been suffering from retinitis and obstruction of the left internal carotid artery.

The third patient, a 28-year old woman who had had five abortions, began to complain of headache about 20 days after she began taking the pill.

Her headache became intense around the 25th day and her whole body became convulsed with numbness in the left half of the body.

But she was cured in about two weeks, the report said.

Dr. Eichi Ito, superintendent of National Nagoya Hospital's internal ward, who presided over the meeting of the society, said that obstetricians and gynecologists should try to educate women on the side-effects of the pill to prevent damage to the blood vessels of the brain.

Weather warfare pact only real hope from Geneva talks

GENEVA, Feb. 16, (R). — last December for all five nuclear weapon powers and some 25 to 35 non-nuclear states to begin negotiations by next March 31 on banning all tests.

Two nuclear powers, France and China, did not sign the 1963 test ban treaty and continued carrying out atmospheric tests—though France said last year it would in future confine its experiments to underground blasts.

Neither takes part in the Geneva conference, and both have indicated they will not participate in the comprehensive test-ban negotiations proposed by the Russians.

Western delegates believe the Soviet move is largely propagandistic and aimed at isolating China; they consider it unlikely to bring practical results.

Moves by EEC and Portugal to recognise MPLA

LUXEMBOURG, Feb. 16 (Agencies). — Common market governments will almost certainly this week recognise the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) as the government of the former Portuguese territory, EEC sources said today.

Arrangements to recognise the communist-backed MPLA, which has largely defeated its pro-western rivals, will be finalised today and tomorrow by top officials of the nine EEC foreign ministries.

The nine agreed last November when Angola became independent to act together once it became clear which of the rival movements actively controlled the country.

France has been keenest among the community members to grant legal recognition to the MPLA, under its leader Dr. Agostinho Neto.

Portugal is also preparing to recognise Agostinho Neto's MPLA as the legitimate government of Angola.

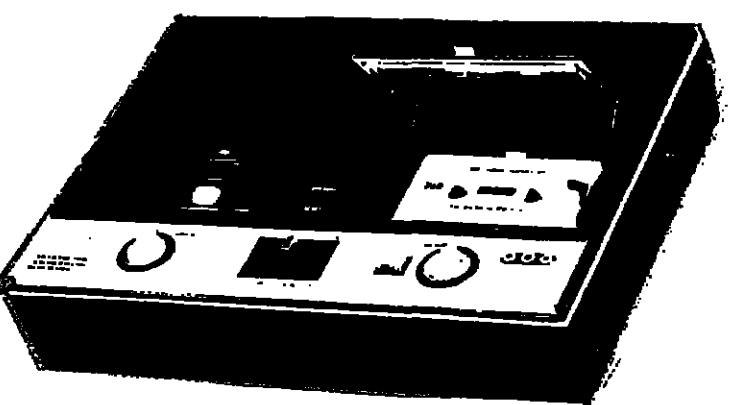
The question was discussed by the Council of the Revolution at a meeting over the weekend and that although there was no consensus in favour of recognition, that recognition was imminent because of the military situation which favours the MPLA and diplomatic moves by certain countries.

The world body also ordered the conference to keep on working to find a way round obstacles which for years have blocked an accord banning underground nuclear tests.

A 1963 pact outlawed test explosions in the atmosphere, outer space and underwater—but not below ground.

Efforts to extend the ban to subterranean blasts have floundered over Soviet-American differences about how to guard against cheating.

This stalemate has been further complicated by a Soviet call at the General Assembly



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EEC parliament presses for higher farm prices

STRASBOURG. — The European parliament meeting here voted 66 to 33 Thursday for a 9.5 per cent average in farm price increases throughout the community for the coming season, highlighting the growing pressure on the Brussels Commission and on agriculture ministers to go beyond the 7.5 per cent rise recommended.

The vote followed a debate in which members, opposed only by the communist and socialist bloc, emphasised the need for more generous treatment for the community's nine million farmers in 1976-77. The vote is expected to wield a strong and possibly decisive influence on the final decision taken by the council of ministers, although the parliament's decisions are in no way binding on member governments.

The agriculture ministers are expected to take a final decision either late this month or early in March following resumption of their discussions next week.

The parliament's vote was followed swiftly by a new call from the European farmers' organisation COPA for an average rise in the minimum guaranteed prices of 10.6 per cent.

COPA's leader, Britain's Sir Henry Plumb, called a press conference soon after the vote was known to point out that because of arrangements to restore EEC farm market unity, the true commission rise would work out at an average of only 5.8 per cent and certainly did not recoup most producers' costs.

The parliament welcomed the commission's proposal for a two-tier price rise for milk but

rejected the two per cent increase slated for March and the 4.5 per cent for September as far too low.

The proposed increases would harm small producers, the parliamentary resolution argued. This would affect the commissions plan to incorporate half a million tons of surplus powdered milk into animal feeds.

But the resolution called on the commission to increase the powdered milk conversion subsidy so that pig and poultry producers would not be forced to pay for the "substantial additional rise" in their production costs.

In accepted that the commission's recommendations were basically right, but stressed the need for a better deal on prices for farmers.

The parliamentary committee on agriculture also this week proposed measures to convert dairy farms to others production and measures to promote milk sales inside and outside the community.

Money forgers at centre of recent unrest in Saigon

SAIGON, Feb. 16 (AFP). — Large quantities of counterfeit piastres are circulating in South Vietnam, the Governor of Vietnam's National Bank warned in the wake of an all-night gun battle between security forces and "reactionaries" who had set up a printing press in a Roman Catholic church on the northern edge of Saigon.

Bank Governor Tran Duong told the official daily Giai Phong that the "reactionaries," calling themselves the Organisation of the People and Army for National Restoration, had equipment for turning out bo-



Dr. John Day examines a maize crop. His research work, in collaboration with Brazilian scientist Dr. Johanna Dobereiner, may lead to great savings in costs for farmers in many tropical countries. (See story on page 5)

Iran tries to recoup commission on F/14 order

TEHERAN, Feb. 16 (AFP). — Iran is determined to recover \$28 million authorised by the American Grumman Aircraft Company as commission to three Iranian intermediaries, in

They added that the group had printed clandestine news-sheets for undercover distribution.

connection with an Iranian contract last year for Grumman "F/14" Tomcat fighter planes, the deputy Defence Minister, General Toufanian said.

The \$28 millions was included in a bill to the Iranian government for the planes. Informal sources said last December Iran had asked Grumman for immediate repayment.

Gen. Toufanian told a press conference Grumman had now told the government here it thought the money should in fact come to Iran. He had been asked by the Shah to obtain repayment without putting Grumman in a difficult financial position, he added.

Iran ordered 80 "F/14s" last year for a total of \$2.2 billion. So far only three had been delivered, Gen. Toufanian said.

Gen. Toufanian said it was clearly specified during discussions with Grumman before last year's contract that there would be no intermediary and no commission to anyone. This was as stipulated in U.S. Defence Department regulations of 1973.

But in spite of this Grumman signed an agreement last year with three Iranians in the U.S., covering the payment commission.

Grumman had since claimed the commission was 24 millions, not 28 millions.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed earlier Monday with sentiment unsettled by the political events in Africa. At 15:00 the F.T. Index was down 5.3 at 400.2.

South African mining, industrial and affiliated issues were lower. De Beers fell 19p to 264½ after a low of 259½. Southern Rhodesian bonds lost as much as 12 points.

Government bonds were quietly mixed in very quiet trading. Short dated loans were narrowly higher, reflecting easier money market rates.

Leading industrials lacked interest and closed a few pence off. Banks were irregular. Oils, Australians and dollar stocks lost ground.

Standard and Chartered Bank showed an on balance fall of 13p while Turner and Newall and Cape Industries lost 7p and 5p respectively. Among mines Cons Murchison and Messina were both 50p off.

Fisons eased 7p in leaders, and others to lose between 4p and 6p were KGN, Glaxo, Tubes, Unilever, Metal Box and P and O — the last-named following a press forecast of lower earnings.

Oils had BP 10p off while Shell and Ultramar weakened 6p and 7p respectively. The fall reflected Iran's move to cut oil prices.

Booker McConnell was dull at 136p (152) following a joint statement on nationalisation of its Guyanese interests.

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Jordan and the EEC

By Jawad Ahmad

It is now a sure fact that by the end of September Jordan will sign a global economic agreement with the European Economic Community (EEC), better known as the European Common Market. Such an economic agreement may be considered favourable from whatever angle it is viewed.

The basic advantage to Jordan lies in the expected capital transfers from the EEC to Jordan.

Tunisia, for instance, was able to capture about 95 million. Special Drawing Rights (roughly \$114 million) in the form of soft loans and unrequited transfers. Jordan stands to get a similar amount, which can be readily transferred to development projects envisaged in the Five-Year Plan.

Should this agreement be concluded, Jordan will be able to expand its exports to the EEC, notably of fruits and vegetables and manufactured goods. The EEC Council of Ministers is expected to allow many Jordanian exportables into the EEC markets in accordance with a time schedule and certain quality and packing conditions. Jordan Valley crops meet such conditions, in both timing and quality levels.

However, the main hitch is phosphates. EEC has signed an agreement with Morocco, which enjoys the EEC phosphate market. But factors of proximity and grade put Moroccan phosphates one step ahead of the Jordanian counterpart.

I believe that Jordan must press for better terms than those granted to Morocco to make phosphates exported from both countries more competitive.

The main advantage to be derived from exporting crude phosphates to the EEC is

that it will diversify the traditional Jordanian phosphate markets.

Another advantage of such an agreement is the fact that the EEC is growing in world economic power. The scope of membership has widened from six to Greece will shortly be the 10th member.

If Jordan attaches itself to such a rising emerging power, it will stand to gain rather than lose. The importance of such a movement becomes more obvious if compared against the fact that Israel has concluded agreement with the EEC. The days of clinging or even abhorring any field in Israel is found are by-gone. The more active policy is to face her and even crowd out wherever she is.

Moreover, Jordan can bank on the technical know-how in order to buttress current development efforts. Technology an important shift parameter in the process, and the EEC has a great deal to offer in this respect.

However, for all these benefits to be to full fruition, concerted Arab action is needed. The EEC is trying to conclude economic and trade agreements simultaneously with Jordan, Syria and Egypt. If these three tries act in unison and harmonise their efforts, they will improve their bargaining and will extract greater benefits than if each acts on its own.

In addition, Arab countries — particularly Jordan, Syria and Egypt — are bound to each other by bilateral and multilateral economic pacts. Each of these countries is the other two "most favoured nation". Any agreement with the EEC should make Arab economic agreements, for the most advantageous in the short- and long runs.

Yugoslavia willing to allow Concorde overflights

BELGRADE, Feb. 16 (AFP). — Yugoslavia will "probably" not oppose flights by the supersonic Anglo-French Concorde over its territory or its landing in Yugoslavia, the newspaper, Novosti quoting the Yugoslav Civil Air Navigation Office, reported today.

Aeronautical circles here believe that the authorities are considering operating the Concorde between Western Europe and Teheran.

The newspaper said that the Civil Air Navigation Office has not yet had "written contacts" with the countries concerned but that "the possibility of such contacts exist."

Authorisation for overflights would be needed if the Concorde were to operate a service to Teheran. Permission for landing in emergencies or for technical stops would also be needed.

No change in European exchange rates

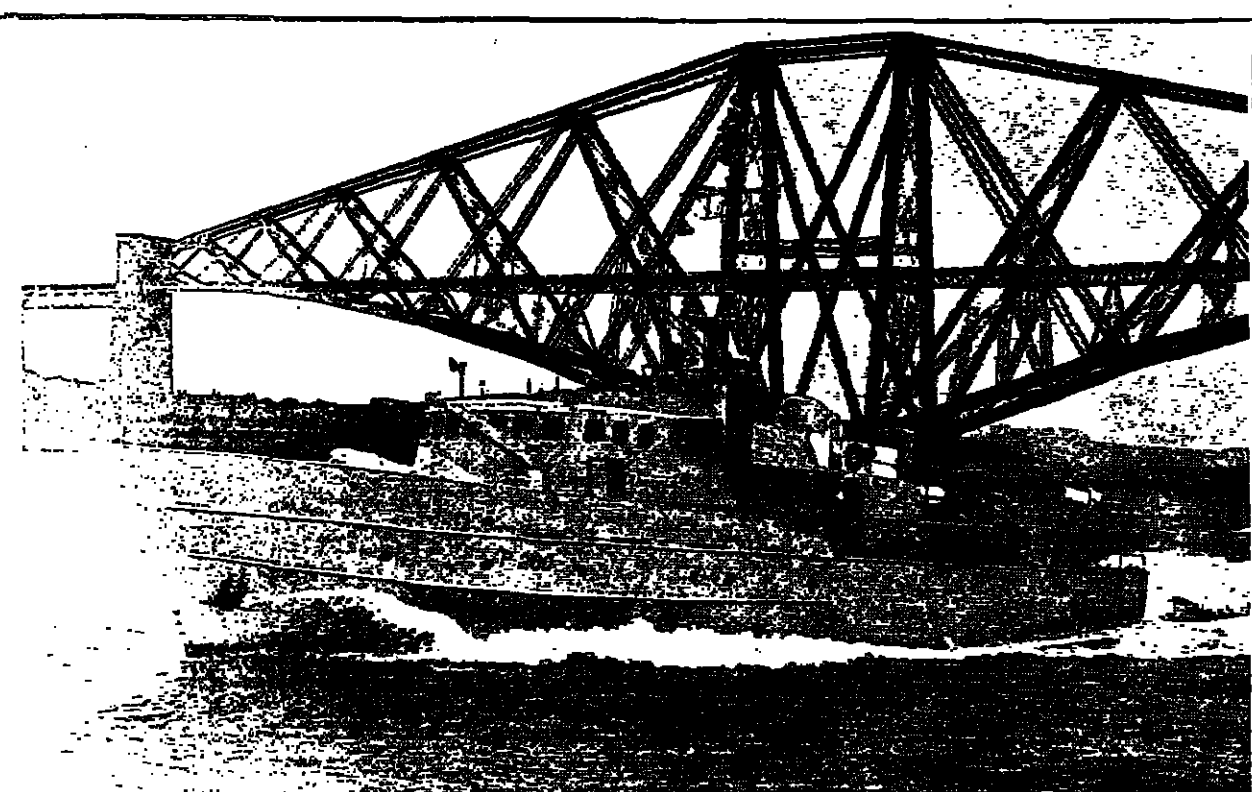
BRUSSELS, Feb. 16 (R). — Finance Ministers of the Common Market joint float said today that despite last week's currency speculation there will be no change in exchange rates of member currencies.

After a brief meeting here, several ministers, including Jean Pierre Fourcade of France, Hans Apel of West Germany and Willem Duisenberg of Holland all told reporters the joint-boat or currency "snake" will continue in its present form.

Exchange Ra

Following are the Amman exchange rate close of the business terday. The two figures buying and selling price danian fils:

U.S. dollar : 328-3
U.K. sterling : 666-
German mark : 129-
Swiss franc : 128-
French franc : 73.4
Italian lira : 43-43.
Syrian pound : 85-1
Egyptian pound : 46-
Iraqi dinar : 907-91
Kuwaiti dinar : 1120
Libyan dinar : 705-
Lebanese pound : 13-
Algerian dinar : 43-
Saudi riyal : 93-93.
UAE dirham : 82.4-



FISHERY PROTECTION. — HMS Kingfisher, the first of a new class of patrol vessel specially built for the British Royal Navy, sets sail on her first fishery protection patrol from Rosyth, Scotland. Her patrol will cover the North Sea and the English Channel areas. The 120-foot-long, 190-ton vessel will primarily operate in coastal regions, although eventually Britain's North Sea oil rigs could also form part of her patrol. Until now, fishery protection in coastal regions has been carried out by coastal mine sweepers. The Kingfisher is armed with a Bofors gun mounted aft and two machine guns on the bridge, and her speed is in the region of 20 to 24 knots.



MANY MILES TO MONTREAL. — Training is the dedication for athletes who, without the stimulating engagement of audiences, practice both physically and mentally for their chosen events. Donna Murray is seen here running pounds around the track at the Crystal Palace National Recreation Centre in south London, preparing for next season at 1976 Montreal Olympics. She became the British 400 m record holder with a time of 51.8 seconds in 1974 and improved the record by clocking 51.28 seconds in the E Cup semi-final in Belgrade.

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Fast breeder nuclear power comes to the Highlands

the small farmer in the highly populated Highlands of Scotland switched on the light, he knew he was getting directly from Scotland's richest energy source. The importance of the supplies to his home is made possible by the nuclear hydro-electric scheme, almost unobtrusively, almost unobtrusively, almost unobtrusively.

Britain's prototype fast reactor is now operating at the Atomic Energy Authority's establishment at Dounreay, on Scotland's northeast coast. It was built primarily as a test bed for the technology which will enable full scale commercial versions to be developed, but the electricity it produces during the research work is be-

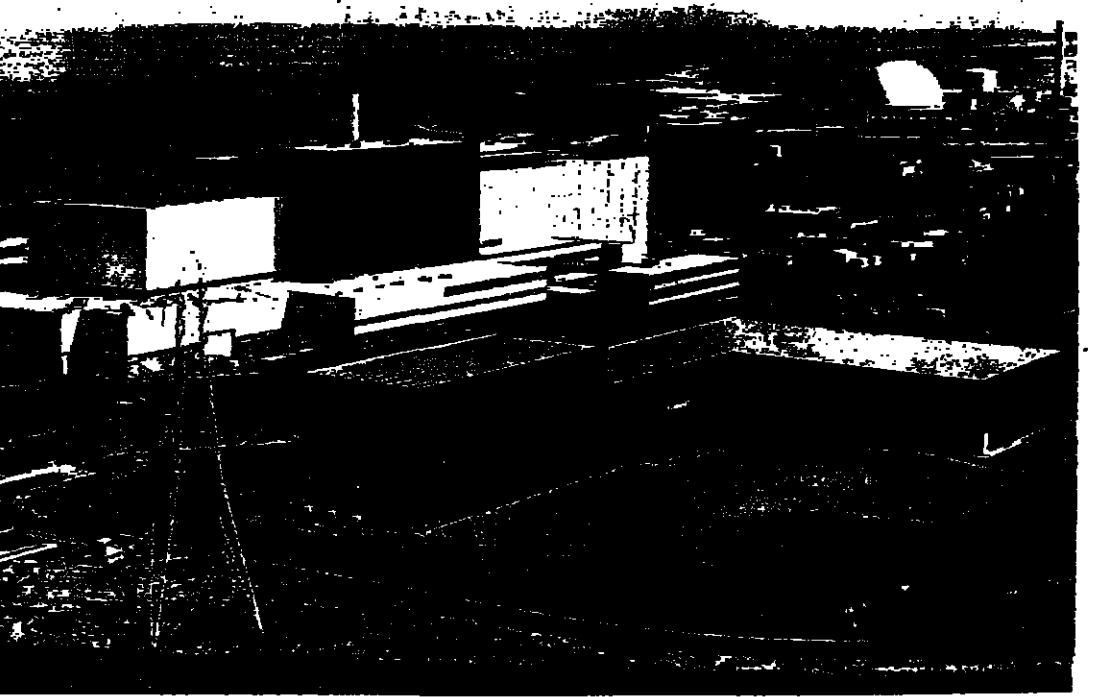
like a conventional factory than a futuristic power source. But once inside the visitor is left in no doubt as to the advanced technology of the system. xture of plutonium and uranium oxide as a fuel, operating temperatures of 1000°F (538°C) are obtained and the heat is passed out of the reactor through a circuit containing liquid sodium.

Thriving crops with less fertiliser?

The rain season in Brazil started in October. This year it may give the answer to a problem that faces agriculture in many developing tropical countries—the alarming situation that the cost of the nitrogen fertiliser they import for their crops has trebled in the past three years.

For some time a Brazilian microbiologist, Dr Johanna Dobereiner, has been investigating the fact that a number of tropical grasses thrive without certain fertilisers. She went to Britain and discussed her findings with Dr John Day of the Rothamsted Experimental Station, southern England.

ther these long and meticulous experiments can, under field conditions, produce an astonishing agricultural revolution. This new line of research is heartening, for what has been discovered may save import costs and decrease the costs of exports. Dr Day sounds a word of warning when he says that research is still in its early stages. He emphasises that there is no suggestion of creating a "wonder plant" that will need no fertilisers at all.



View of the new prototype fast reactor at Dounreay, Scotland, with the original Dounreay reactor in the background.

ssed the rushing water-gens in that area of scenic beauty.

The production of electricity then follows the same pattern as would be found in any coal

Bizarre accident result brings a big payoff

DETROIT, Michigan. — A court here has awarded \$200,000 to a 27-year-old man who claimed a car accident made him homosexual. Carmen Leo argued that after the accident in which he injured his back his sex life was transformed. The court also awarded Mr. Leo's wife \$25,000 damages.



IGOR ILYINSKY'S 24 ROLES. — This is the montage of 24 photographs of the personages played by Igor Ilyinsky, a Soviet theatre, cinema and variety actor. They are the personages of seven humorous stories by the great Russian writer Anton Chekhov. Ilyinsky has played all these parts in a TV film called "All these Different, Different People." The actor first appears on the TV screen and reads out of a few passages from the story. Then he recedes into the background making room for the characters of the story. (Photo by APN).

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A CLASSIC LEFT. — Britain's talented featherweight boxing champion Vernon Sillas (left), from Edinburgh, Scotland, lands a classic left to the jaw of Camaco Reyes, of Mexico, during their recent contest at the Royal Albert Hall in London. Sillas won in the ninth of the scheduled ten round bout when the referee stopped the fight to save Reyes from further punishment. Twenty-one-year-old Vernon Sillas is claimed by boxing experts to be on the threshold of a momentous career. His management have a busy programme for 1976 with European and world titles as the ultimate objectives.

Tonight's TV Features

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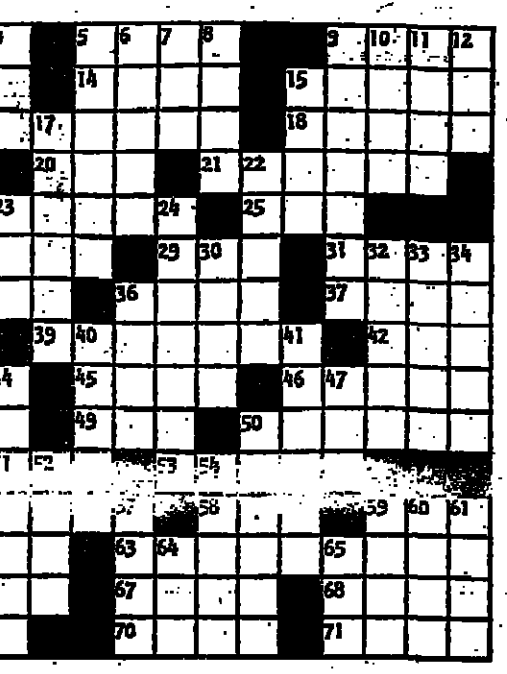
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DR. IN THE HOUSE
NOT OFF THE PRESSES
Medical students publish a University newspaper, with controversial subjects. Problems arise.

Word Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Surrealist painter
 - 5 Municipal map
 - 9 In the throat
 - 13 Rainbow
 - 14 Baltic port
 - 15 Hired killer
 - 16 Iowa capital: 2 wds.
 - 18 Published
 - 19 German direction
 - 20 Linear unit
 - 21 Out of — (not working)
 - 23 Senator Fong
 - 25 Profit
 - 26 Home
 - 29 Spark stream
 - 31 New Haven students
 - 36 Foreign
 - 36 Place
 - 37 Talk wildly
 - 38 Quick drink
 - 39 Merchants
 - 42 Fasten
 - 43 Dutch
 - 45 Refrigerated
 - 46 Snooped
 - 48 Popular pianist
 - 49 Marsh
 - 50 Palm leaves
 - 51 — de mer
 - 53 Of the Franks
 - 55 Impels
 - 58 Israelite tribe
 - 59 Campus building
 - 62 French river
 - 63 Florida feature
 - 66 Sacrificial spot
 - 67 Ready for picking
 - 68 Trickle
 - 70 Whip mark
 - 71 Night fliers
 - 71 Decline: price
 - 5 Christian or Darnell
 - 7 Years
 - 8 Job
 - 9 Weste
 - 10 Thin
 - 11 "There"
 - 12 Olympian
 - 15 Big bundle
 - 17 Global region
 - 22 Bring on oneself
 - 23 Make haste
 - 24 Girls
 - 26 Perry or Portland
 - 27 Oil variety
 - 28 Crawly creature
 - 30 Woodwind
 - 31 Darnell
 - 33 Vine-covered
 - 34 Dispatches
 - 36 Trimming
 - 40 M-I
 - 41 — fever
 - 44 In name only
 - 47 Mythical bird
 - 50 — up (gets angry)
 - 52 Affirm
 - 54 Expert
 - 55 Robertson
 - 56 Church court
 - 57 Balkanite
 - 59 French city
 - 60 Cutting tool
 - 61 Queen and drons
 - 62 Old saying
 - 64 Travel term
 - 65 Card game
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Anti-Teng campaign in China spreads throughout the country

PEKING, Feb. 16, (AFP). — The campaign of criticism aimed at Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping appears to have taken on national dimensions, but still remains at this stage extremely well controlled.

The official party newspaper the People's Daily today front-paged reports from Kiangsu, Shensi, Liaoning, Heilungkiang and Tibet concerning progress made in those provinces in the criticism by the masses of the "rightist deviationist wind blowing at present over China."

The daily, as if to encourage the use of posters in the criticism campaign, published on the same page a photograph of Tibetan peasants drawing up and reading big-character posters (dazibao).

The dazibao against the "capitalist road" leaders, notably Mr Teng, started to appear at Peking's Peita University last week, and spread to Tsinghua, the technical college of the capital.

Simultaneously, students got their paint brushes out to write posters in other cities including Wuhan, Nanking and Shanghai.

In Shanghai, known for being at the forefront of ideological movements in China, dazibao called Mr Teng the "second Chinese Khrushchev" (after President Liu Shao-chi who was the first to be thus described during the Cultural Revolution).

Through association with the "Soviet revisionists," this expression is used in China to refer to top-rating political enemies.

It is the most serious accusation brought up to now against Mr Teng whose political fortunes appear suddenly to have gone into reverse. Only 10 days ago he appeared almost certain to step into the shoes of the late Prime Minister Chou En-lai.

The posters have not mentioned the vice-premier by name—neither has the official press—but the dazibao writers

identify him clearly through very precise allusions to his past activities.

Asked whether Mr Teng was really the main figure being attacked in this movement, a spokesman at the Department of Information simply replied at the weekend: "no comment."

In the Chinese context, this response is interpreted as an implicit confirmation.

Rhodesia denies nationalists have Soviet tanks

SALISBURY, Feb. 16, (AFP). — Reports that Soviet-made T 34 and T 54 tanks have been off-loaded at the Mozambique port of Beira for use by Rhodesian black nationalist guerrillas were unfounded, Defence Minister Pieter Van Der Byl said here today.

Mr Van Der Byl said he had investigated the claims thoroughly and found them to be untrue.

He said the reports appeared to be a "carefully orchestrated campaign" outside Rhodesia.

"This is not to say that this will not happen but at present it is not true that Russian-made war material has landed in Beira," he said.

Reports reaching here also claimed that a team of Soviet advisers has arrived in Mozambique to collaborate with Rhodesian guerrilla groups currently mounting an intensified campaign across the border from Mozambique.

Arab Red Crescent meets in Jeddah

The Jordanian Red Crescent Society, in the person of its President Dr. Ahmad Abu Qura, will participate in the conference of the Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross League to be held in Jeddah Tuesday and Wednesday. The meetings are to amend certain articles of the League's statutes.

Lebanon braces for hard bargaining

((Continued from page 1)) Diplomat Oktar Serit was shot dead tonight in a Beirut street, security sources said.

The sources said Mr. Serit, First Secretary at the Turkish embassy here, was shot in the back in the Hamra area of Beirut.

The attacker fled, the sources added, and no further details of the incident were immediately available.

Italians want Lockheed figures

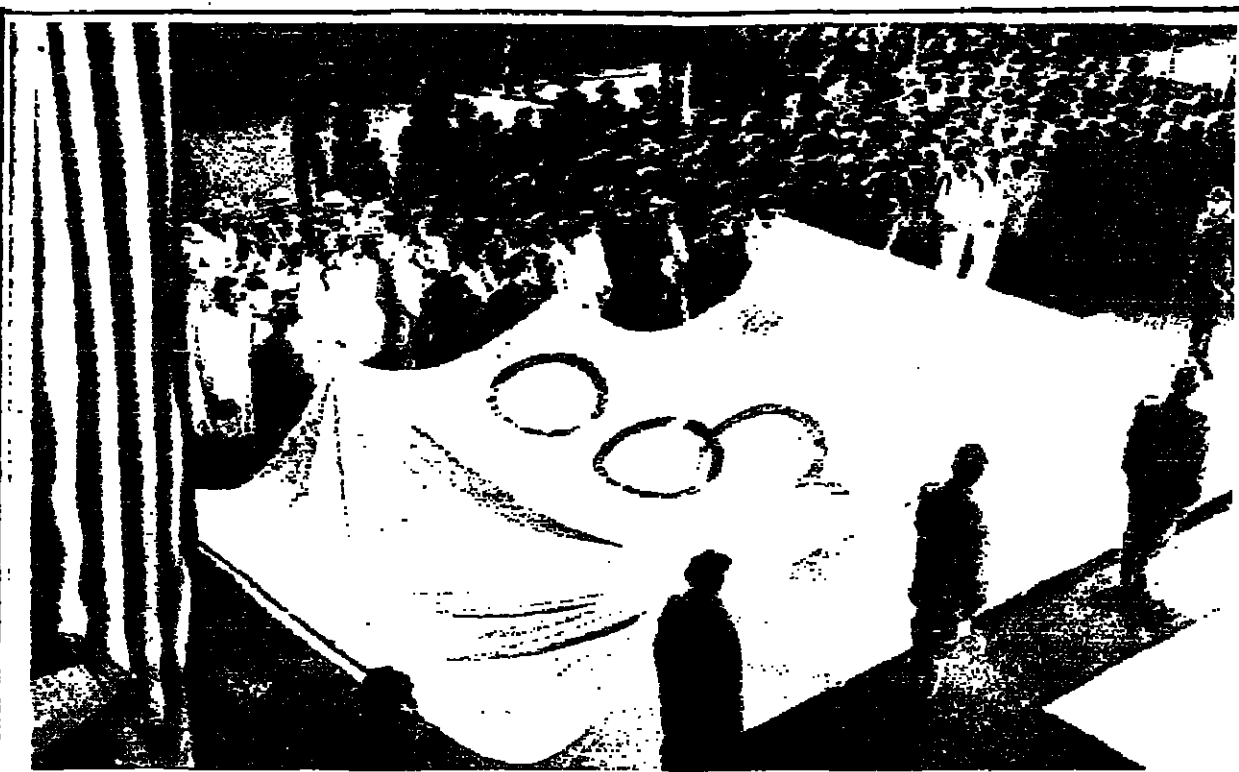
((Continued from page 1)) domestic news agency this evening.

Police were unable to identify the group, but Kyodo said it was a known organisation.

The statement condemned Kodama's alleged dealings with Lockheed as a disgrace to the cause of the rightist movement in Japan and described him as a "slave" to foreign merchants.

"The scandal is bound to spread to other colleagues. We too have some material. We cannot bear to let Kodama live in disgrace as a colleague.

"Therefore Kodama should



END OF THE GAMES. — The Olympic flag is carried out of Innsbruck's Olympic Games stadium Sunday night at the closing ceremonies of the 12th Winter Games. The Greek flag is at left. (AP wirephoto).

Italy requests \$1.3 billion loan with EEC guarantee

BRUSSELS, Feb. 16 (AFP). — Italy today formally requested a 1,300 million dollar loan backed by the European Economic Community to bolster its reserves following the decline of the floating lira, reliable sources said.

The request was made by Italian Treasury Minister Emilio Colombo as EEC finance ministers met in council session here.

The sources said the loan would be raised through a consortium of banks, headed by National Westminster Bank of

U.K. troops admit to using press guise in Ulster

LONDON, Feb. 16, (AFP). — The British army in Ulster today admitted to using false press cards in order to get information.

This followed accusations by the British press that the British army was endangering the lives of journalists by using the false press cards.

The Times published a photograph of a press card from the small Fleet Street agency Inter Press Features which was used by a soldier when on intelligence missions against the Provisional IRA.

The Times quotes from unidentified military sources that British soldiers posing as reporters also went to Dublin in the Irish Republic and to the Ulster border.

The army spokesman said that the cards were used in emergency when soldiers on certain duties were in a situation which they could not get out of any other way.

Italians want Lockheed figures

((Continued from page 1)) commit seppuku—ritual suicide by cutting open the stomach—to apologise for his action," the statement said.

"We would like to meet Kodama as soon as possible urge him to commit seppuku (otherwise known as harakiri)."

Besides Kodama, four top officials of the giant Marubeni Corporation—Japan's third biggest trading house and the agent for Lockheed here—have been summoned to testify tomorrow.

Arab information ministers make calls

((Continued from page 1)) The ministers also agreed on measures aimed at coordinating anti-Zionist propaganda over the next five years, including exhibitions, conferences and better services to the Western press.

The ministers said they would continue to raise the issue of Arabs under arrest in Israeli-held territory, including Jerusalem Archbishop Hilarion Ca-

London, the West German Dresdner Bank and the French Banque De Paris Et Des Pays-Bas, which would seek funds from Saudi Arabia and other Arab oil producing countries. The council instructed the EEC commission to negotiate the terms of the loan.

The sources said the finance ministers also gave final approval to a 300 million dollar EEC loan to Ireland.

GLs should not mix tonic & tanks

BELINGEN, West Germany. — Five people were injured when a drunken American soldier driving a 50-ton tank careened out of an army base here and crashed into three cars. He covered 15 km before U.S. military police caught up with him.

Jerash ruins to be renovated

The Department of Antiquities has announced it is going ahead with repair and maintenance work at antiquities sites in the town of Jerash.

Wreckage and earth were removed from inside the temple of Artemis, the Temple's door was opened up and a number of Roman colonnades in the Temple were unearthed. Other finds were historic pieces of various ages, including coins from the Omayyad era.

Allon to visit Mexico in March

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 16, (R). Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon will visit Mexico early next month, the foreign ministry announced here.

The announcement last night said Mr Allon would arrive in the first few days of March on an official visit to discuss matters of mutual interest.

He will be the first Israeli official to come here since a worsening of relations between the two countries following Mexico's vote in favour of a U.N. resolution condemning Zionism last year.

The vote brought a tourist boycott of Mexico by United States and Canadian Jews, which was recently lifted following Mexican attempts to offer explanations for the U.N. vote.

OPEC gives cool reaction to Iran oil price decrease

VIENNA, Feb. 16, (R). — OPEC officials said today Iran's decision to cut the price of its heavy crude oil was unlikely to increase pressures for a special conference soon to align policies on cost differentials.

The Iranian price cut of 9.5 cents per barrel followed bitter Iranian complaints about reduced liftings of Iranian oil by Western oil companies, which have to contend with depressed markets.

Iran's action followed price-trimming moves last year by Kuwait and Iraq, leading to demands by other members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries for an agreed policy on differentials.

The issue has plagued OPEC for months. Oil Ministers had hoped to fix an agreed formula at a meeting at the OPEC headquarters here in December, but discussions were disrupted when guerrillas attacked the OPEC building and took 10 minister hostages.

Abu Dhabi tried to reconvene the meeting early this month, but failed to win approval for a special session from the rest of the membership. OPEC sources said Iraq was now making a separate attempt to get the

Turkish F.M. on Norway visit

OSLO, Feb. 16, (R). — Turkey's Foreign Minister, Mr Ihsan Sabri Caglayangil, arrived here today on a three-day official visit.

Relations between Greece and Turkey, the situation on Cyprus, cooperation with NATO and the Middle East situation are among topics to be discussed, informed sources said.

Mr Caglayangil will call on Labour Prime Minister Mr Odvar Nordli, Finance Minister Mr Per Kleppe, and the Minister for Law of the Sea Questions, Mr Jens Evensen.

meeting organised in A. Differentials can add one dollar, sometimes the basic price of 11.5) per barrel of OPEC oil, account of quality, gravity or transport ges.

OPEC sources said could call special meeting any time, but must get unanimous agreement from members.

The next regularly scheduled OPEC conference was a strong feeling of organisation that the issue could be then, the sources said.

Kuwait Gulf arrives in Qatar

DOHA, Feb. 16, (R). — mixed Kuwaiti business government economic arrived here today for talks on closer co-operation among States, including the creation of a Gulf Market.

The nine-man mission by Foreign Ministry Secretary Rashed Al arrived here from Saudi on the second leg of a due to take it to Bah the United Arab (UAE).

Mr Rashed said before Kuwait last Friday, Qatari proposal to set Gulf Common Market be among the topics discussed in Doha.

He said that the Kuwait government welcomed the

WHAT'S GOING

British Council: Film artists 6.00 p.m.

Goethe Institute: film of Berlin.

L'Ambassade de France a le regret d'annoncer la mort accidentel de Monsieur Pierre Lavergne, Conseiller Culturel

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